

HOUSE No. 2177

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr.
and others to prohibit the use of certain video devices in automobiles.
Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Donald F. Humason, Jr.
Mary S. Rogeness	Susan Williams Gifford
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Robert S. Hargraves
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VIDEO DEVICES IN AUTOMOBILES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section 16A the following section:—
4 Section 16B. No person shall operate a motor vehicle, nor shall
5 any owner of such vehicle permit it to be operated, while a televi-
6 sion or video screen, or other such device is in use in the front-
7 most seating area of the car and is plainly visible to the driver;
8 provided that devices which are plainly designed to aid the motor
9 vehicle operator in his driving, including but not limited to a GPS
10 device, an “On-Star” system or other such aid, shall be exempt
11 from this prohibition. The executive office of transportation shall,
12 in consultation with the registry of motor vehicles and the execu-
13 tive office of public safety, determine the devices to be prohibited
14 and establish pertinent regulations regarding enforcement of this
15 section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 20 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—
4 Any person convicted of a violation of section 16B, or of a vio-
5 lation of a special regulation lawfully made under the authority of
6 section 16B, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.